

Remarks

The Office Action states that Applicant's reply filed on December 12, 2002 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action mailed on November 8, 2002, since claim 1 filed 12/12/2002 has not been amended and is different from the claim 1 in Applicant's amendment filed 2/5/2002. Examiner further instructs Applicant over a phone message on 5/3/2003 that amendments be made based on the claims filed on 2/5/2002.

Applicant has made amendments on the basis of claims filed on 2/5/2002 and submitted herein. Applicant believes that current changes are made in the form of an amendment to the prior application as it existed prior to the filing of the Continued Prosecution Application, which was filed on 12/12/2002, and are responsive to a prior Office Action mailed on 11/08/2002. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d).

Applicant believes that the amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any additional issues need to be addressed to expedites the prosecution of this application, please feel free to call the undersigned at (310) 788-3218.

Respectfully submitted,
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